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HISTORY OF "OLE MISS" —

Across the river at Oxford, "Ole Miss" has had a record of trouble. Rootin' tootin' Gov. Theodore Bilbo, an archsegregationist, began putting his cronies into high position long before integration was a gleam in a Supreme Court justice's eye. . . . In 1956-'57 some professors left when right wing students started making tape recordings of their lectures; claimed that profs who explained social reforms were Communists. . . . Later came attempts at integration. James H. Meredith is not the first Negro to make the try. First was a minister from the Gulf Coast who tried to matriculate around 1953. Next day he disappeared, was found dead of a heart attack. . . . Next integrator was a Negro professor who rode on a bus up to Oxford. He didn't know that on the bus were state troopers in civilian clothes. He also disappeared, was found in the Whitfield, Miss., mental hospital. . . . Ole Miss was founded in 1848 when Albert Gallatin Brown was governor. A friend of Confederate President Jeff Davis, Brown at first thought Davis was too soft on Negroes but ended up by urging that Mississippi accept integration. . . . No county in Mississippi is now named for him. . . . Ole Miss standards must be higher than some critics claim, for, according to the late Sen. Bilbo, it kept ex-Gov. Hugh White in the status of a freshman for four years.